

September 11, 2009

The Honorable Edolphus Towns

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

2157 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Towns:

The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), finds itself embroiled in many controversies dating back several years. Yet this federally subsidized organization continues to receive financial support amidst these unresolved discrepancies. I ask that your committee continue to investigate the claims of potentially damaging actions on the part of ACORN and its operatives while conducting hearings in full view of the American people.

My office has been inundated by calls for action from justifiably upset Americans. Most recently, media outlets are reporting that an ACORN employee knowingly and willfully provided advice on fraudulently filing taxes. This revelation closely follows the issuing of arrest warrants for suspicion of voter registration fraud for 11 former ACORN employees. Congress cannot allow ACORN to implicate the American taxpayer through the appropriations process any longer. Congress must make certain that taxpayer dollars do not fund inappropriate activities.

Many legislative attempts have been made in both chambers to strip funding from this organization until these issues are resolved. Congress must determine whether ACORN has disqualified itself from federal aid through potentially unlawful actions. Congress is constitutionally obligated to be a good steward of public funds. Determining the legitimacy of the recipient of these funds through Congressional investigations is a basic step in the process.

As the claims against ACORN come under the increased scrutiny of Congress and the American people, I look forward to working with you to ensure that the integrity of the taxpayer dollar is not damaged by the unlawful actions of a few. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Moran